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**NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This has been a busy year for the HOA. We had fence repairs, trees trimmed, front hedges partially replaced, and yet to be repaired vandalism damage to the front lighting.

In September we had our annual meeting and I was gratified by the attendance and interest that is being shown in the HOA. Among the topics covered at the annual meeting was our performance under the 2010 budget. After making adjustments for the unbudgeted cost of damage to the Wallace road fence, the Board came within a few dollars of being right on target. The 2011 budget that was adopted however may be a different story. We will have added and unforeseen expenses to repair the lighting. This will also be the year for having new bark dust blown in at all points of the entrance. We continue to have a few great volunteers who just recently helped clean the front entrance. However, notice that the workers are getting older and we need the younger residents to step up. If this does not happen, the Board will have to arrange for commercial care of the entrance. Cost will certainly go up and current revenues will not reach to cover that kind of cost and still meet our legal requirements to build a reserve fund. Due to recommendations of the Board, which were approved at the annual meeting, we will continue with collection of back dues. As a result, the Association will have legal expenses that are not a usual part of the budget. This action should result in the successful completion of obtaining all outstanding revenues.

In January, our Vice President Judy Oliver, will complete her term of office. While she remains available as a valued asset to the HOA, Vice President elect, John (Jack) Moe will begin his term on the Board. Jack has been a resident here for some eleven years and will bring fresh ideas and experience to the HOA. I am looking forward to having him as a resource and partner on the Board. The remaining officers were unanimously re-elected to another term.

On behalf of the Board, I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and may you receive the blessings and best of the Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

JUST A LITTLE GOSSIP

If any of you are fans of Extreme Home Makeover, or even if you aren't, you may have watched the recent program on the makeover of the Oregon School for the Deaf. In record time, they built a new dorm for the boys and totally refitted the basement of the dorm, where for many years, the Halloween Haunted House has been staged.

But, I'll bet you didn't know that the fund-raising Haunted House was conceived and built under the direction of one of our neighbors, Ed Roberts. For years Ed has begged, borrowed and scrounged to put this annual fund raiser on for the Deaf School, as well as being a counselor at the school. So many times, we know our neighbors just enough to say "Hi" and really don't know anything about them and what they do for charities, organizations and good works in the Salem community. So, hats off to our local celebrity and a Thank You to all the others in our neighborhood who don't get a moment in the sun for their efforts. This neighborhood is a great place to live!!!

CHANGE IS GOOD

BY

JUDY OLIVER

Fashions change, seasons change, politics change and so does the WVEHOA Executive Board. I have served in one capacity or another for 5 years and this year I felt I needed to take some time off so at the request of the Nominating Committee, Jack Moe graciously agreed to assume the vice- president position. Jack has been a homeowner in this neighborhood for many years but lived elsewhere. Although always a voting member because he is a homeowner of record, he is now a member of our neighborhood and jumped in with both feet.

I want to thank those folks who answered "yes" when I asked for volunteer help with projects big and small. I particularly want to thank those members who took the time to read our CC& R's and support the goals of the neighborhood association in administering the CC&R's for the good of the subdivision and the retention of home values. Thank you too to those who, over the years, called me or stopped me on the sidewalk to question or comment and were unfailingly civil and willing to listen to explanations of why some things just had to be done and the rules and regulations that the Oregon law require HOA's to follow.

I will stay on the street maintenance people and keep nagging them to finish the repairs to the South side of Lk. Vanessa, and will still be doing my part as a volunteer on neighborhood projects.

Working with the Executive Board has been rewarding and educational. Thank you again for your support and many kindnesses. And in the words of the Terminator, "I'll be back".

TREASURER REORT

BY

JULIE YOUSE

As of November 12th the checking account balance is \$6683.95. Our Reserve Fund now stands at \$3066.66.

The statements for the 2011 annual dues will be going out by January 1, 2011. Annual dues of \$50.00 are payable by January 15, 2011. You may either mail them to Westview Estates HOA, PO Box 5681 Salem, OR 97304, or drop them in the association mailbox by the bulletin board. We are still working on several properties that are behind in their dues payments so please have them paid by the due date.

BITS AND PIECES

If you are the “proud” owner of a storm drain in front of your property, the City of Salem has requested that you keep the drain free of leaves and twigs so that they may drain properly. Also, since this is expected to be a heavy weather year, if it snows, please be aware that it is the property owner’s responsibility to keep a clear sidewalk path in front of your house.

Since this is getting toward the time of the year when we may be receiving packages in the mail and UPS, the mailing store, Going Postal, which is located behind Walgreens, will gladly accept Styrofoam “peanuts”, larger pieces of bubble wrap and flattened cardboard boxes. These materials are donated to people who are sending packages to our troops overseas. Normally, if one brings in a package to be wrapped, there is a charge for boxes and packing material. This is a win-win situation. Keeps this stuff out of the landfill and reduces the cost of sending our troops their Christmas presents.